

A report from Southern Good Faith Fund

Southern Good Faith Fund works with Southeast Arkansas College and Phillips Community College on the Career Pathways program, which helps move low income adults up the career ladder.

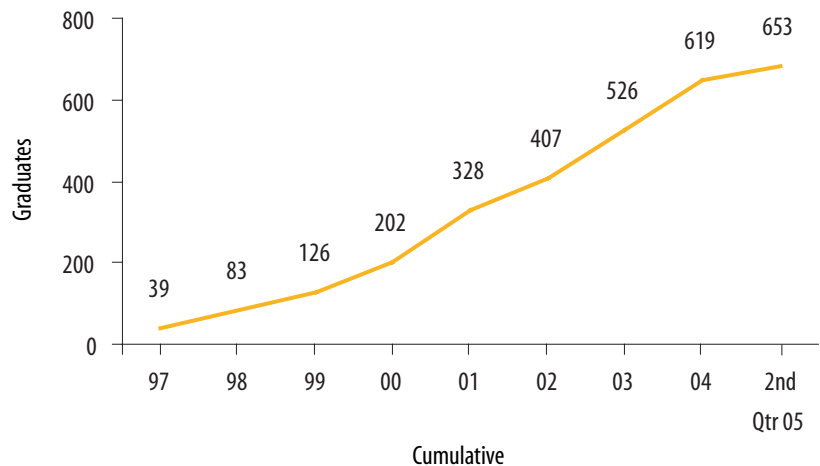
Career Pathways uses a series of connected educational programs that enable students to combine school and work and advance to better jobs and higher levels of education and training.

Working with area employers to target high demand jobs, our career pathways include: business, education, emergency medical services, manufacturing, nursing/allied health, and welding.

Who We Help

- 94% are ages 18-35
- 97% are female
- 81% are African American
- 24% lack a high school diploma or GED
- 67% have incomes under \$5,000
- 31% are TEA recipients
- 58% are Food Stamp recipients
- 73% have children under 18
- 68% are single, never married
- 80% lack a savings account
- 59% do not own a car
- 87% do not own a home
- 32% consider transportation a significant barrier

Total Graduates

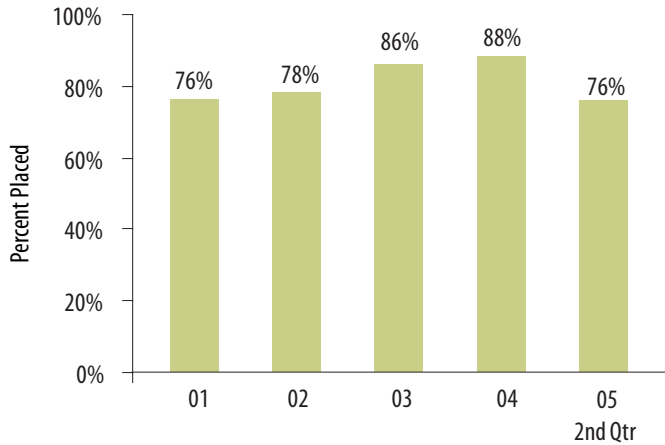


Total Graduates by Step on the Pathway

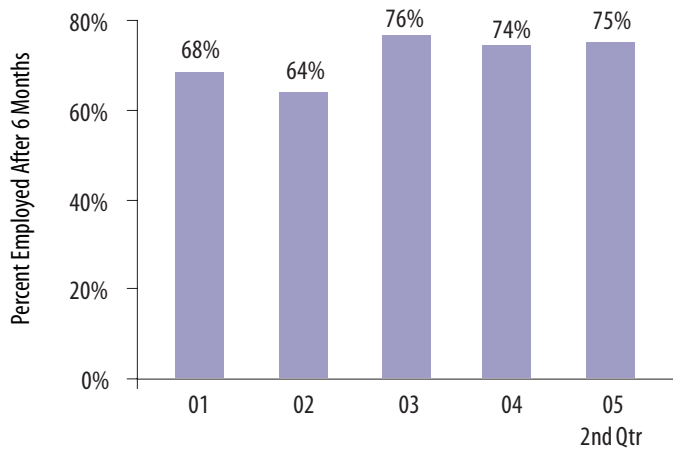
Degree	# of Graduates
Nursing Assistant	617
WAGE ¹	6
Nursing Skills Audit	11
Licensed Practical Nurse	12
Registered Nurse	4
Phlebotomist	1
EMT	1
General Studies AAS	1

¹ The WAGE program is for students whose scores did not reach the minimum to enroll in college. This program teaches basic education skills through contextualized learning to prepare students for entry into college.

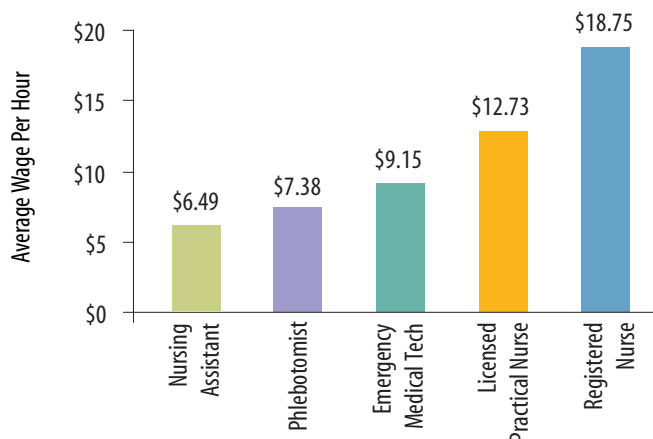
Percent Of All Graduates Placed In Jobs or Moving To Next Step On Career Pathway



Percent of All Graduates Still Employed After 6 Months



Wage Analysis: Average Starting Wage by Certification or Degree



Moving Upward and Onward

As a single mother of two young boys, ages nine and eleven, La Tasha Woods wanted a rewarding career that would allow her to support her family and end her dependence on public assistance.



That's when she decided to get her life back on track and enrolled in the 16-week nursing assistant training program offered by Southern Good Faith Fund in Pine Bluff, Arkansas.

After earning her nursing assistant certification, La Tasha began working at the Arkansas Department of Corrections Infirmary. Within a year, she was accepted into Southeast Arkansas College's nursing program.

La Tasha recently graduated from the program with a certificate in licensed practical nursing. She continues to work at the Department of Corrections and plans to continue along the nursing path by taking prerequisite classes needed to pursue her career goal of becoming a registered nurse.

"If it hadn't been for Southern, I'd still be working at the chicken plant and wouldn't have known how rewarding a career in nursing can be," says La Tasha.

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